

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 18, line 14 with the following:

For systems employing multiple voltage levels such as in Figures 2 and 5, each switching output stage can be configured with switches in a multiple H-bridge configuration so that the load (i.e., loudspeaker and L-C low pass filter) connected to the switches can be driven in a push-pull fashion. In such configuration, the load is connected to multiple H-bridge switches such that either zero voltage is applied to both ends of the load or a positive (or negative) voltage is applied to one end of the load and a ~~negative-zero~~ voltage of ~~equal magnitude~~ is applied to the other end at any given time. In such a configuration, current flowing through the load in one direction represents one positive voltage level; current flowing in the reverse direction represents one negative voltage level; and no current flowing through the load represents the zero voltage level.

AMENDMENT TO THE DRAWINGS

Revised formal drawings for Figures 1-6 are included herewith. Only Figure 6 has been changed. The top-most pulse waveform was adjusted slightly to ensure that the trailing edge of each pulse is aligned with the analog data sample. Waveform 561 was shifted slightly to properly align the pulse edges with those in the other waveforms. No new matter has been introduced.